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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6609**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1061

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 13, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Four-Star School Outdoor Signs.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Koch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Department of Education (DOE) to jointly design a road sign for commemorating schools that satisfy certain academic criteria. It provides that such a sign can be erected and maintained without a permit from the INDOT if the sign does not violate federal laws governing outdoor signs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill requires INDOT and DOE to jointly design an outdoor sign that recognizes local schools for specified academic accomplishments.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** There will be an expenditure associated with the creation and purchase of the road sign for schools. In 2004, the DOE reported that 198 schools had attained four-star status. It is not known how many schools have such signs currently or how many schools will choose to participate in this program. The specific dollar amount will depend upon the size of the sign, the number of words, the size and coloring of the letters, the number of colors used, and the number of signs produced.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Transportation; Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local Schools who are determined to be four-star schools and desire to have a sign that recognizes the accomplishment.

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